

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Peter M. Bonutti                                  Attorney Docket No: 782-A03-003-1  
Application No.: 10/614,352                                  Confirmation No.: 7916  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR                                  Examiner: Diane D. Yabut  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 24, 2009, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application. In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet.